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SUBJECT: MEXICAN-ROK JOINT FISHING VENTURE

1. THE NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE (NMFS), NOAA, COMMERCE HAS RECEIVED A REQUEST FROM SENATOR STEVEN'S OFFICE FOR INFORMATION ON THE JOINT MEXICAN-ROK VENTURE TO CATCH ALASKA POLLOCK. PRESS REPORTS INDICATE THAT THE JOINT VENTURE WILL OPERATE 9 FACTORY TRAWLERS IN THE U.S. FISHERY CONSERVATION ZONE, BEGINNING AUGUST 1.

2. NMFS WOULD APPRECIATE THE REGIONAL FISHERIES OFFICER PREPARING A REPORT ON THIS DEVELOPMENT. OF PARTICULAR INTEREST WOULD BE DETAILS OF VESSEL REGISTRY TRANSFER, PROVISIONS FOR TRAINING MEXICAN CREW MEMBERS, DESTINATION
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OF CATCH AFTER PROCESSING, EXTENT OF SHORE BASED INVESTMENTS IN MEXICO (IF ANY), AND DETAILS ON THE COMMERCIAL ARRANGEMENTS BETWEEN THE KOREA MARINE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (KMIDC) AND THE MEXICAN PARTNERS.

3. NMFS ALSO NOTE THAT KMIDC WILL FORM A SECOND JOINT VENTURE WITH MEXICO TO CATCH AND PROCESS TUNA AND GROUND-

FISH IN MEXICAN WATERS. REPORTEDLY, KMIDC WILL SUPPLY 3
LONG-LINE VESSELS AND 3 GROUND FISH TRAWLERS. AVAILABLE
DETAILS ON THIS VENTURE WOULD ALSO BE APPRECIATED. VANCE

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